

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1 **Claim 1 (original):** A trimmer comprising a cutting head housing a cutter means, and an
2 elongate shaft for supporting the cutting head, the cutting head connected to the shaft by
3 connection means permitting the cutting head to be positioned with its cutter means either
4 substantially horizontal or substantially vertical without disconnecting the cutting head and the
5 shaft, the shaft having a hand-grippable portion at a position remote from the cutting head, the
6 arrangement being such that the line joining a point within the hand-grippable portion and the
7 connection means is substantially parallel to plane of rotation of the cutter means when the cutter
8 means is substantially vertical.

1 **Claim 2 (original):** A trimmer as claimed in claim 1, wherein the connection means is such that
2 the cutting head is movable between positions in which its cutter means is substantially
3 horizontal and substantially vertical in a single movement.

1 **Claim 3 (original):** A trimmer as claimed in claim 1 or claim 2, wherein the connection means
2 is such that the cutter means is movable between the substantially horizontal position and the
3 substantially vertical position by an effective rotation of the cutting head relative to the handle
4 of 120° in one direction or 240° in the other direction.

Claims 4-18 (cancelled).

1 **Claim 19 (new):** A trimmer as claimed in claim 1, wherein the connection means is constituted
2 by a rotatable joint.

1 **Claim 20 (new):** A trimmer as claimed in claim 19, wherein the rotatable joint is such that the
2 cutting head is movable between positions in which its cutter means is substantially horizontal
3 and substantially vertical about a single axis.

1 **Claim 21 (new):** A trimmer as claimed in claim 19, wherein the axis of rotation of the rotatable
2 joint lies substantially at 35.5° to the plane of rotation of the cutter means, and lies substantially
3 at 35.5° to the horizontal when the cutting head is positioned with the cutter means either
4 substantially horizontal or substantially vertical.

1 **Claim 22 (new):** A trimmer as claimed in claim 19, wherein the rotatable joint is constituted by
2 a ball-and-socket joint.

1 **Claim 23 (new):** A trimmer as claimed in claim 22, wherein the ball is fixed to the cutting head,
2 and the socket is defined by a generally spherical socket portion formed at the end of the shaft
3 remote from the hand-grippable portion.

1 **Claim 24 (new):** A trimmer as claimed in claim 23, further comprising a motor for driving the
2 cutter means.

1 **Claim 25 (new):** A trimmer as claimed in claim 24, wherein the cutter means is rotatable, and
2 the drive engagement between the motor and the cutter means is a rotatable drive engagement.

1 **Claim 26 (new):** A trimmer as claimed in claim 24, wherein the motor is housed within the ball.

1 **Claim 27 (new):** A trimmer as claimed in claim 26, wherein the motor is an electric motor.

1 **Claim 28 (new):** A trimmer as claimed in claim 1, wherein a rotatable cutter line constitutes the
2 cutter means.

1 **Claim 29 (new):** A trimmer as claimed in claim 25, further comprising a wheel rotatably
2 mounted on the cutting head.

1 **Claim 30 (new):** A trimmer as claimed in claim 29, wherein the axis of rotation of the wheel is
2 substantially coincident with the axis of rotation of the cutter means.

1 **Claim 31 (new):** A trimmer as claimed in claim 30, wherein the radius of the wheel is of the
2 order of, but slightly less than, the effective radius of the cutter means.

1 **Claim 32 (new):** A trimmer comprising a cutting head housing a cutter means, and a shaft for
2 supporting the cutting head, the cutting head being adjustably mounted with respect to the shaft
3 by connection means enabling the cutter means to be moved between substantially vertical and
4 substantially horizontal positions by adjusting the position of the cutting head relative to the
5 shaft by an effective rotation of 120° in one direction or 240° in the other direction.

1 **Claim 33 (new):** A trimmer comprising a cutting head housing a cutter means, and a shaft for
2 supporting the cutting head, the cutting head being rotatably mounted with respect to the shaft
3 by means of a rotatable joint whose axis of rotation lies substantially at 35.5° to the plane of
4 rotation of the cutter means, and lies substantially at 35.5° to the horizontal when the cutting
5 head is positioned with the cutter means either substantially horizontal or substantially vertical.